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- 25X1A 1. [REDACTED] it was learned that a Soviet fuel depot with the [REDACTED] was located at Muenchenbernsdorf. The depot, which formerly housed a branch office of the WIFO Berlin, was taken over by the SVA in 1946.
2. The installation, which was about 40 percent destroyed by bombing during the war, contained 2 underground gasoline pumping stations; 1 boiler house, no longer in operation; 1 reconditioned transformer station; 2 unserviceable underground foam fire extinguishing stations; 1 water pumping station with drain water pond and deep well; 1 underground storage cellar for tetra-ethyl lead; 1 railroad tank car filling station; 1 barrel filling station; 1 automatic filling installation for the filling of gasoline cans; 1 bottle filling machine; 6 aboveground tanks of 600-cubic meter capacity each; 1 oil pumping station; 1 locomotive shed; 1 repair shop; 1 laboratory; and low wooden administrative buildings and quarters. The emergency power plant, which consisted of a Diesel motor rated at 360 HP, had been dismantled.
3. The monthly turnover of gasoline, Diesel fuel, aircraft gasoline and lubricating oil was 2,000 to 3,000 tons. The fuel was delivered to the depot from the Bochlen and Leuna plants. *
4. The ethyl installation is no longer in operation due to the lack of skilled workmen. The process of ethylizing was very simple, i.e., the tetra-ethyl lead was poured into the tank cars by buckets and stirred.
5. The Soviet unit at the depot consisted of 6 to 8 officers and about 100 guard soldiers who wore black-bordered red epaulets. Each of the depot commandants was relieved after a short term. The superior headquarters of the depot was located in Potsdam. **

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* [REDACTED] Comment. The information refers to the large hydrogenation plants in Bochlen and Leuna, which regularly supply Muenchenbernsdorf.

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** [REDACTED] Comment. The information confirms the Soviet fuel depot of the Eighth Gds Army and furnishes supplementary data on its technical installations and capacity. See [REDACTED]. Paragraph 2 indicates that 25X1A the depot storage capacity is still far below its previous capacity. [REDACTED] 25X1B belongs to the fuel depot at Muenchenbernsdorf.

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